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PART I -- SUMMARY

DURING THE PAST WEEK RAINY WEATHER CONDITIONS IN MR-1 CONTINUED TO LIMIT MILITARY ACTIVITY TO SCATTERED, SMALL CONTACTS. SIMILARLY, FIGHTING IN MR-2 HELD AT A LOW LEVEL FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT WEEK. IN BINH DINH, ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE THE COMMUNISTS' MAJOR EFFORT. IN ONE THREE-DAY PERIOD, THE NVA/VC POURED 250 MORTAR ROUNDS ON A GVN POSITION IN PHU MY DISTRICT. THE KONTUM/PLEIKU FRONT REMAINED QUIET. AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING BY RANGERS HAS APPARENTLY KEPT THE COMMUNISTS OFF BALANCE AROUND KONTUM CITY. THE RECENT REGROUPING OF ALL RANGER ELEMENTS UNDER THEIR OWN COMMAND STRUCTURE SEEMS TO HAVE INCREASED THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. IN QUANG DUC PROVINCE A RANGER LONG-RANGE PATROL TEAM KILLED TEN COMMUNISTS AND CAPTURED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS ON DECEMBER 29. IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA, NVA/VC ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE DOWNED A VNAF A-37 WHICH WAS BOMBING TROOP CONCENTRATIONS. MR-3 CONTINUED TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF COMBAT ACTIVITY AS COMMUNIST FORCES SCORED SOME SUCCESSES DURING THE WEEK, NOTABLY THE CAPTURE OF TANH LINH DISTRICT TOWN IN BINH TUY PROVINCE AND DONG XOAI, CAPTIAL OF DON LUAN DISTRICT IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE, THE ROCKETING OF BIEN HOA AIRFIELD ON DECEMBER 26, AND THE PARTIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE IMPORTANT PHU CUONG BRIDGE IN BINH DUONG BY SAPPERS. THE SITUATION IN BELEAGUERED SONG BE, CAPITAL OF PHUOC LONG PROVINCE WORSENED AS THE COMMUNISTS THICKENED ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSES IN THE AREA AND SHOT DOWN A C-130 AS IT LIFTED OFF FROM A RESUPPLY MISSION ON DECEMBER 25. ON THE GVN SIDE, A RESUPPLY MISSION TO THE ISO-LATED TROOPS ATOP BLACK VIRGIN MOUNTAIN IN TAY NINH PROVINCE WAS SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT. ALSO, VNAF AIRSTRIKES AGAINST A CONVOY OF FIFTEEN TRUCKS IN NORTHEASTERN TAY NINH RESULTED IN A REPORTED EIGHT TRUCKS DESTROYED AND TWENTY COMMUNISTS SOLDIERS KILLED. FIGHTING ALSO TAPERED OFF SLIGHTLY IN THE DELTA OVER THE WEEK, BUT REMAINED WEEL ABOVE NORMAL "LOW POINT" LEVELS. ATTACKS BY FIRE PREDOMINATED AND THERE WERE NINETEEN TERRORIST INCIDENTS. IN ONE OF THE WEEK'S MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS, 22 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND 25 WOUNDED WHEN THEIR WATER TAXI HIT A MINE ON A CANAL IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE.

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A. AMBASSADOR ASSAD SADRY, PREVIOUS HEAD OF THE IRANIAN DELEGATION TO THE ICCS, ARRIVED IN SAIGON ON DECEMBER 28 TO MAKE HIS OFFICIAL FAREWELLS. HE IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO ALGIERS, HIS NEW POST, ON JANUARY 2.

B. ACCORDING TO BG HIEP, CHIEF RVN TPJMC, THE HUNGDEL ICCS MOVED A CONVOY OF ONE JEEP, TWO TRUCKS AND A LARGE BUS LOADED WITH UNKNOWN MATERIALS INTO THE PRG CAMP AT CAMP DAVIS AT

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11:30 ON DECEMBER 28. THE RVN MILITARY POLICE WERE UNABLE TO STOP AND CHECK THE CONVOY BECAUSE IT MOVED TOO QUICKLY THROUGH THE CAMP DAVIS GATE. THE RVN NOW PLAN TO ERECT A SECOND BARRIER OUTSIDE THIS GATE SO THAT THIS FORM OF "GUN RUNNING" WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.

C. INDODEL AMBASSADOR SUHUD WILL DEPART FOR MANILA ON JANUARY 5 TO ATTEND AN ASIAN CONFERENCE (JANUARY 7 - 9).

PART III -- FPJMT, TPJMC AND RELATED MATTERS.

THE DRV/"PRG" BOYCOTT OF THE FPJMT AND TPJMC CONTINUED INTO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK.

PART IV -- COMMUNIST MEDIA COMMENT.

A. COMMUNISTS REJECT US STATEMENT ON MIAS.

1. THE DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE "PRG" FPJMT DELEGATION HAVE DENOUNCED, IN ALMOST IDENTICAL TERMS, THE DECEMBER 20 STATEMENT BY THE US FPJMT CONTINGENT CONDEMNING THE COMMUNISTS FOR THEIR REFUSAL TO COOPERATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8 (B). ASSIDUOUSLY AVOIDING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE US CHARGES, THE DRV STATEMENT CONDEMNED THEM AS "SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS" WHICH CONSTITUTED PART OF A "WICKED SCHEME" DESIGNED TO "MISLEAD US PUBLIC OPINION" AND TO COVER UP US "SABOTAGE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

2. IN A RELATED PROPAGANDA BLAST, HANOI RADIO CHARGED IN A DECEMBER 26 BROADCAST THAT THE US HAD CARRIED OUT ESPIONAGE AND OTHER "SINSTER SCHEMES" UNDER THE GUISE OF SEARCHING FOR MISSING MILITARY MEN. THE BROADCAST RECALLED THE BINH CHANH INCIDENT, IN WHICH A US CAPTAIN WAS KILLED BY COMMUNIST CONFIDENTIAL

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FORCES DURING A BODY-RECOVERY OPERATION AND, WITHOUT ADMITTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OUTRAGE, CLAIMED THAT SUCH "UNILATERAL" SEARCHES VIOLATE ARTICLE 8 (B).

B. ICCS OBSERVATIONS CONDEMNED.

LIBERATION RADIO SAID IN A DECEMBER 22 BROADCAST THAT RECENT OBSERVATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE INDONESIAN AND IRANIAN DELEGATIONS INTO A "SO-CALLED COMMUNIST SHELLING OF THE DENSELY POPULATED AREA IN TAN AN HOI" VILLAGE, HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, WAS "ILLEGAL" AND "AIMED AT SUPPORTING AND COVERING UP THE CRIMES OF THIEU'S ARMY." THE BROADCAST WENT ON TO DECLARE THAT THE GVN HAS HATCHED A "PLOT" TO SHELL INDISCRIMINATELY AREAS IT CONTROLS AND THEN TO BLAME THE COMMUNISTS.

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PART V -- MR-1

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

I CORPS BRIEFED 92 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS THIS REPORTING PERIOD,
A SLIGHT INCREASE FROM LAST WEEK'S 84. RAIN AND HEAVY OVERCAST
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FOR THE FIRST SIX DAYS CONTINUED TO LIMIT FIGHTING AND MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING THE PAST WEEK. THERE WAS NO MAJOR SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING DURING THIS PERIOD; HOWEVER, IN THUS THIEN (P) THERE WERE SOME SCATTERED SMALL CONTACTS. QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN (P) REMAINED QUIET. IN QUANG NGAI (P) EIGHT SMALL ATTACKS WERE NOTED. GVN CASUALTIES: 86 KIA, 241 WIA; 9 MIA. NVA/VC LOSSES WERE: 152 KIA, 12 CAPTURED, 2 RETURNEES. VNAF FLEW NO COMBAT SORTIES.

2. NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS:

THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN QUANG TRI (P). IN THUA THIEN (P) AT 0610 HOURS 25 DEC THE VC/NVA SHELLED 230 RDS OF MIXED 82 MM MORTAR AND 82 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE AND LAUNCHED A GROUND ATTACK AGAINST A STRONG POINT OF THE 2ND MARINE BN 6 KMS WEST OF LUU HOA, THUA THIEN (P) YD430280. RESULTS: FRIENDLY 3 KIA, 5 WIA AND ENEMY 5 KIA. ON DEC. 26 FROM 0900 HOURS TO 1950 HOURS THE NVA/VC AGAIN SHELLED AN ELEMENT OF THE 2ND MARINE BN WITH 62 MIXED RDS OF 82 MM AND 61 MM MORTAR PLUS MACHINE GUN FIRE, 6 KM WEST OF LUU HOA, YD 436290. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. AT 0725 HOURS DEC. 29 THE NVA/VC SHELLED 6 RDS (UNK TYPE) INTO THE PHU BAI AREA, YD 873108. THE RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. GVN AND VC/NVA FORCES ARE STILL HAVING DAILY GROUND CONTACTS AND EXCHANGING ABFS IN THE NUI BONG AND MO TAU AREAS. AT 0700 HOURS DEC. 28 THE NVA/VC SHELLED 300 MIXED RDS INTO THE GVN'S 1ST BN, 1ST REGT AND HAD CONTACT 200 METERS NW OF NUI BONG, YD924031. RESULTS: FRIENDLY 5 KIA, 10 WIA; ENEMY UNK. AT 0745 HOURS DEC. 29 THE NVA/VC LAUNCHED A GROUND ATTACK AGAINST AN ELEMENT OF THE 61ST RANGER BN. LOCATED IN AN AREA 2 KMS SE OF MO TAU, YD864038. RESULTS: GVN FORCE HAD TO WITHDRAW FROM THEIR POSITIONS. AT 1700 HOURS DEC. 29, A CIVILIAN WAS WOUNDED WHEN HE ACTIVATED AN NVA/VC MINE, 11 KMS NORTH OF PHONG DIEN (D). AT 0930 HOURS DEC 27 A CIVILIAN WAS KILLED WHEN HE ACTIVATED AN NVA/VC MINE 7 KMS NW OF PHONG DIEN (D). A CULVERT THAT WAS WASHED OUT AT 0810 HOURS DEC. 26 WAS REPAIRED AND HIGHWAY ONE OPENED AT 1700 HOURS THE SAME DAY.

3. SOUTH OF HAI VAN PASS:

THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY A FEW SPORADIC ABFS AND GROUND CONTACTS IN THE VICINITY OF DUC DUC, HILL 52, AND DAI LOC (D). AT 1020 HRS DEC. 23, A FARMER ACTIVATED AN NVA/VC MINE 3 KMS NE OF DUC DUC (D) RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF TWO CIVILIANS AND THE WOUNDING OF

TWO MORE. AT 0300 HOURS DEC. 27 THE GIANG BRIDGE IN NE HIEU DUC (D) WAS FLOODED TEMPORARILY INTERRUPTING TRAFFIC UNTIL THE WATER

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SUBSIDED; TRAFFIC HAS RESUMED. AT 1725 HRS DEC. 29, 9 CIVILIANS
AND 3 SOLDIERS WERE INJURED WHEN A CIVILIAN TRUCK IN WHICH THEY
WERE PASSENGERS TURNED OVER ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF HAI VAN PASS.
THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN QUANG TIN (P).

4. IN QUANG NGAI (P) THERE WERE SIGHT SMALL ATTACKS NOTED: THREE
OF THEM TOOK PLACE IN WESTERN BINH SON (D) AND SON TINH (D). THE
REMAINDER TOOK PLACE IN EASTERN MO DUC AND NORTH OF DUC PHO (THESE
SMALL ATTACKS WERE INITIATED BY LOCAL DISTRICT VC FORCES, THE I
CORPS G-2 REPORTED). AT 0900 HOURS DEC. 23 THE VC/NVA ENTERED A
POPULATED AREA 1 KM SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD WHERE THEY SHOT
AND WOUNDED ONE CIVILIAN AND ABDUCTED TWO MORE. AT 1530 HRS
DEC 23 THE NVA/VC FIGSD FOUR ROUNDS OF MORTAR INTO PHU LE (H),
5 KMS WEST OF BINH SON WOUNDING TWO CIVILIANS. AT 1925 HRS DEC 23
THE NVA/VC SHELLED FOUR RDS OF 61 MM MORTAR INTO A POPULATED AREA
OF TU THUAN (V), 3 KM SOUTHWEST OF QUANG NGAI WSRFIELD, WOUNDING
ONE CIVILIAN. ON CHRISTMAS MORNING DEC 25 AT 0730 HRS THE SON HA
SUB-SECTOR WAS SHELLED BY THE NVA/VC. TEN ROUNDS OF MORTAR HIT
THIS AREA KILLING ONE CIVILIAN AND TWO PSDF AND WOUNDING TWO
CIVILIANS. AT 0330 HOURS DEC 26 THREE VC ENTERED THE HOME OF
MRS. PHAN THI KE AND INTERROGATED THE OCCUPANTS FOR INFORMATION
ABOUT ARVN UNITS. THEY ALSO LEFT $37,000VN FOR THE OCCUPANTS TO
DELIVER TO A CERTAIN MR. PHAN VAN BOC (A DISABLED VETERAN), TO
HAVE HIM PURCHASE A RADIO AND A WATCH FOR THEM. THE OCCUPANT,
HOWEVER, TURNED THE MONEY AND INFORMATION OVER TO THE GVN, MAI LINH
SECTOR HQS WHO IN TURN HAVE DETAINED MR. BOC FOR QUESTIONING. AT
1700 HRS DEC 26, THE NVA/VC SHELLED ONE RD OF 82 MM MORTAR INTO
A POPULATED AREA, 3 KMS SW OF DUC PHO AND WOUNDED TWO CHILDREN.
AT 1545 HRS DEC 27, THREE MEMBERS OF THE 159TH PF PLT WHILE
RETURNING TO THEIR HOUSE AFTER PICKING UP THEIR RICE RATIONS WERE
AMBUSHED AND KILLED BY THE NVA/VC 7 KMS SE OF TU NGHIA. ONE
CHILD ALSO WAS KILLED AND THREE CIVILIANS WOUNDED.

5. ICCS:

THERE WERE NO OBSERVATIONS IN EITHER ICCS REGIONS 1 OR 2 DURING
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PART VI -- MR-2

1. SUMMARY: FIGHTING IN MR-2 REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT WEEK. COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITY IN BINH DINH WAS LIMITED FOR THE MOST PART TO ATTACKS BY FIRE IN TAM QUAN, HOAI NHON, AND PHU MY. IN KONTUM AND PLEIKU, BOTH OF WHICH
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REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET, THE ARVN REDEPLOYED SEVERAL MAJOR UNITS. IN FIGHTING IN WESTERN QUANG DUC THE GVN KILLED 10 COMMUNISTS, BUT HAD ONE A-37 BOMBER SHOT DOWN. COMMUNIST HARASSMENT OF LOC'S IN LAM DONG AND OF RICE PRODUCING AREAS IN BINH THUAN CONTINUED. THROUGHOUT MR-2 GVN OFFICIALS ARE ATTEMPTING TO STRENGTHEN TERRITORIAL FORCES AND IMPROVE SECURITY WITHIN THE NEXT 3 MONTHS.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

I. COMMUNIST-INTIATED INCIDENTS IN MR-2:

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	TOTAL INCIDENTS	HIGHLAND	COASTAL ZONE
LAST WEEK:	45	12 PERCENT	88 PERCENT
THIS WEEK:	40	13 PERCENT	87 PERCENT

BINH DINH WAS THE MOST ACTIVE PROVINCE WITH 23 INCIDENTS. IN ADDITION TO 40 INCIDENTS INITIATED BY THE COMMUNISTS, THERE WERE 32 OTHER INCIDENTS (GROUND CONTACTS) INITIATED BY GVN FORCES.

II. COMMUNIST PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

	PERSONNEL			WEAPONS	
	KIA	CIA	RETURNEE	CS	INDV
LAST WEEK:	137	3	3	5	46
THIS WEEK:	95	4	0	2	34

III. GVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES:

	KIA	CIA	MIA	CS	INDV
LAST WEEK:	49	119	16	0	18
THIS WEEK:	24	49	10	0	9

IV. GVN ARTILLERY AMMO UTILIZATION:

LAST WEEK: 8459
THIS WEEK: 6636

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V. GVN AIR OPERATIONS (SORTIES)

	TAC AIR	VR	HELICOPTER
LAST WEEK:	57	157	683
THIS WEEK:	31	96	622

2. BINH DINH: A LOW LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY AGAIN OBTAINED IN BINH DINH. ALTHOUGH GVN REACTION OPERATIONS INCREASED 40 PERCENT FROM LAST WEEK, COMMUNIST-INITIATED INCIDENTS FELL BY 20 PERCENT, ANC CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES DECLINED. THE REDUCTION IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITY CAN BE ATTRIBUTED BOTH TO DAMAGE TO LOC'S AS A RESULT OF RECENT HEAVY RAINS AND TO THE "REORIENTATION" TRAINING THAT SOME NVA UNITS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING PRIOR TO THE PLANNED WINTER OFFENSIVE. COMMUNIST SHELLING AND HARASSING FIRE AGAINST GVN TROOPS IN TAM QUAN, HOAI NHON, AND PHU MY, HOWEVER, CONTINUED. THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY ATTACK TOOK PLACE IN EASTERN PHU MY, WHERE ON DEC 26 27, AND 28 THE COMMUNIST FIRED OVER 250 ROUNDS OF 82-MM MORTAR SHELLS AT THE 201ST RF BN AND

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ELEMENTS OF THE 47TH ARVN REGT, KILLING ONE RF AND WOUNDING 5 OTHERS. ACCORDING TO GENERAL NIEM, COMMANDER OF THE 22ND ARVN DIV, THE ROTATION OF HIS UNITS WITHIN THE PROVINCE (REPORTED IN THE LAST 2 WEEKLIES) HAS BEEN COMPLETED. GENERAL NIEM ASSERTS THAT HIS FORCES CURRENTLY HAVE NO MORALE OR LOGISTICS PROBLEMS. IN CONTRAST, THE DEBRIEFING OF RECENT RECON TEAMS AND RALLIERS INDICATE THAT THE NVA 141ST REGT MAY HAVE BEEN HEAVILY DAMAGED WHILE HOLDING POSITIONS IN THE AN LAO AGAINST THE 41ST ARVN REGT.

3. KONTUM/PLEIKU: FEW CONTACTS OCCURRED IN KONTUM, AND CASUALTIES WERE MINIMAL. ARVN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT THE COMMUNIST ARE EXTENDING THEIR 715 AND 613 TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS, WHICH ARE BEING USED TO CONVOY WAR MATERIALS. II CORPS HQS REPORTS THAT THE 21ST RANGER GROUP HAS MOVED FROM BAN ME THUOT TO KONTUM, WHILE THE 4TH RANGER GROUP HAS RETURNED TO LONG BINH NEAR SAIGON TO CONSTITUTE A RESERVE FORCE. SECTOR OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE REGROUPING OF ALL RANGER ELEMENTS UNDER THEIR OWN COMMAND STRUCTURE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR CURRENT HIGH LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE -- AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING ON THE PART OF THE RANGERS, ACCORDING TO THE SECTOR OFFICIALS, HAS DETERRED THE COMMUNISTS FROM FURTHER ENCROACHMENTS AGAINST KONTUM CITY. FURTHERMORE, CONFIDENTIAL

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SECTOR OFFICIALS NOW DOUBT THAT THE ENEMY WILL LAUNCH MAJOR ATTACKS IN KONTUM BEFORE TET, AND THEY ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN CHECK ANY NVA OFFENSIVE IN KONTUM UNLESS THE NVA F-10 DIV IS CONSIDERABLY REINFORCED. PLEIKU REMAINED RELATIVELY CALM, ALTHOUGH SOME CONTACTS WERE REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF THANH AN. A COMMUNIST SAPPER TEAM, ATTEMPTING TO PENETRATE A NEW AMMO DUMP 9 KM NORTHWEST OF PLEIKU, DETONATED A MECHANICAL AMBUSH, RESULTING IN 3 SAPPERS KIA, ONE INDIVIDUAL WEAPON AND AHFUMBER OF TNT EXPLOSIVES SEIZED.

4. QUANG DUC: IN THE ONLY MAJOR CLASH OF THE WEEK, A LRRP TEAM OF THE 82ND RANGER BN KILLED 10 COMMUNISTS AND CAPTURED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS ON DEC 29, 6 KM NORTHWEST OF KIEN DUC. ON THE SAME DAY 2 A-37'S WERE DISPATCHED FROM THE 2ND AIR DIV TO BOMB COMMUNIST TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AT YU 688234 IN KIEN DUC DISTRICT. ONE OF THESE WAS SHOT DOWN BY 23-MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AT YU 688248; THE PILOT, HOWEVER, WAS RESCUED. TO REINFORCE GVN FORCES WITHIN THE PROVINCE, THE 53RD REGT OF THE 23RD ARVN DIV HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM PLEIKU TO DUC LAP DISTRICT. FINALLY, DURING THE PAST WEEK OVER 150 ADDITIONAL REFUGEES STRAGGLED INTO QUANG DUC FROM PHUOC LONG PROVINCE.

5. OTHER: REPORTEDLY THE COMMUNISTS ARE REDEPLOYING THEIR FORCES IN PHU YEN IN PREPARATION FOR ATTEMPTS TO INTERDICT QL-1 AND LTL-6 IN SONG CAU, TUY AN, AND DONG XUAN DISTRICT. THE GVN, WHICH IS INCREASING SECURITY ALONG LOC'S AND AND ATTEMPTING TO BRING

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PF UNITS TO FULL STRENGTH, IN CONFIDENT IT CAN CONTAIN THE ANTICIPATED COMMUNIST ATTACKS UNLESS THE COMMUNIST UNITS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY REINFORCED. IN LAM DONG THE VC CONTINUED TO HARASS LOC'S, BUT THEIR SUCCESS WAS LIMITED TO THE BLOCKING OF QL-20 SOUTH OF BAO LOC (YT 953652) FOR A FEW HOURS. DURING THE PAST 10 DAYS MILITARY ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF THE QUANG LAM RESETTLEMENT CAMP HAS DECREASED, AND AN ESTIMATED 500-1000 RESETTLERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE SITE. COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTION IN BINH THUAN WAS GENERALLY LIMITED TO THE RICE PRODUCTION AREAS OF THIEN GIAO AND HAM THUAN DISTRICTS. THE SECTOR IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN THESE AREAS IN ORDER TO HAMPER THE COMMUNISTS' EFFORTS TO SECURE RICE.

6. ICCS: NEGATIVE.

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1. COMMUNIST FORCES SCORED SEVERAL NOTABLE SUCCESSES IN MR-3 THIS WEEK, INCLUDING THE CAPTURE OF TWO DISTRICT TOWNS, THE ROCKETING OF THE BIEN HOA AIRFIELD, AND THE BLOWING OF THE PHU CUONG BRIDGE. NVA/VC FORCES CONTINUE TO PRESSURE SONG BE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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VO DAT, THE CAPITALS OF PHUOC LONG PROVINCE AND HOAI DUC DISTRICT RESPECTIVELY.

2. DESPITE THE HIGH INTENSITY OF MILITARY ACTIONS IN THE REGION, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DROPPED TO 309 FROM LAST WEEK'S 329. TAY NINH REMAINED HIGH WITH 58 INCIDENTS(61 LAST WEEK), BINH DUONG REPORTED 51 (29), WHILE LONG KHANH HAD 41 (52). REGIONAL HQS REPORTED 76 GROUND CONTACTS, 150 ATTACKS BY FIRE AND 22 COMBINED GROUND AND ABF'S. THERE WERE 12 MININGS AND 49 OTHER ASSORTED INCIDENTS.

3. NEARLY DOUBLING LAST WEEK'S TOTAL, COMMUNIST GUNNERS FIRED 5,476 ABF ROUNDS. THIS FIGURE INCLUDED 5,171 MORTAR ROUNDS, 112 ROCKETS AND 193 ARTILLERY ROUNDS. ARVN EXPENDED 30,284 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY, COMPARED TO LAST WEEK'S TOTAL OF 25,350. VNAF'S 3RD AIR DIV FLEW 199 FIXED-WING SORTIES AND 283 HELICOPTER GUNSHIP MISSIONS.

4. GVN CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS 69 KIA, 251 WIA, AND 13 MIA. NVA/VC LOSSES WERE SET AT 322 KIA, 7 CIA, AND ONE RALLIER. VNAF ADDITIONALLY REPORTED 375 NVA/VC KILLED BY AIRSTRIKES.

5. IN BINH TUY, THE LAST REMAINING GVN DEFENDERS ABANDONED THEIR POSITIONS IN TANH LINH SECTOR HQS AT 0100 HRS ON CHRISTMAS DAY. THE DISTRICT CHIEF AND 90 MEN HAVE REPORTED BACK TO GVN CONTROL. ONE BN FROM THE 43RD REGT, 18TH ARVN DIV, AS AIRLIFED TO VO DAT AND 2 BNS ARE MARCHING OVERLAND FROM QL 20 TO THAT CITY.

6. PHUOC LONG PROVINCE CONTINUED TO HAVE SET-BACKS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. DURING THE MID-MORNING HOURS OF DEC 26, DONG XOAI, THE CAPITAL OF DON LUAN DISTRICT, FELL INTO COMMUNIST HANDS DURING A MASSIVE GROUND AND ABF ATTACK BY COMMUNIST UNITS BELIEVED TO BE ELEMENTS OF THE 165TH AND 141ST REGTS OF THE 7TH NVA DIV. COMMUNIST ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AROUND SONG BE HAS MADE VNAF RE-SUPPLY EFFORTS INCREASINGLY HAZARDOUS AS INDICATED BY THE DOWNING

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BY 37MM AA OF A C-130 AIRCRAFT DEPARTING PHUOC BINH AIRFIELD ON
DEC 25. ALL FIVE CREWMEN ABOARD WERE KILLED.

7. COMMUNIST GUNNERS FIRED 34 122MM ROCKETS AT BIEN HOA AIRBASE
DEC 26. OF THE TOTAL, 32 ROCKETS LANDED ON THE AIRBASE, ONE IN
AN ADJACENT SUPPLY AREA AND ONE AT TAN HIEP HAMLET. DURING THIS
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ROCKET ATTACK TWO WERE KILLED, SEVEN WERE WOUNDED AND THREE F-5AS
AND TWO F-5ES WERE LIGHTLY DAMAGED. LATER THE SAME DAY, THE
COMMUNISTS FIRED THREE ADDITIONAL 122MM ROCKETS AT THE AIRBASE
WITH NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

8. DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD, COMMUNIST
ACTIVITIES HAVE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE.
MOST COMMUNIST INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST NUOC VANG
OUTPOST IN NORTHERN PHU GIAO DISTRICT, AND AGAINST THE AREAS NORTH
OF LAI KHE (BASE AREA FOR THE 25TH ARVN DIV), AND ON THE WEST
SIDE OF THE SAIGON RIVER CORRIDOR IN PHU HOA DISTRICT. GROUND
CONTACTS IN THESE AREAS DEC 25, 28, AND 29 RESULTED IN ONE ARVN
SOLDIER KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED, AND 46 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS
KILLED AND TWO CAPTURED, ALONG WITH AMMUNITION, FOOD, AND NUMEROUS
CREW-SERVED AND INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS
OF DEC 28, COMMUNIST SAPPERS (BELIEVED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE 115TH
SAPPER REGT) BLEW THE PHU CUONG BRIDGE IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE
CAPITAL. THIS ACTION RESULTED IN TWO SPANS DESTROYED WITH THREE
RF SOLDIERS KILLED AND TWO COMMUNIST SAPPERS KILLED AND ONE
CAPTURED. A LATE REPORT INDICATES TRAFFIC ON THE BRIDGE SHOULD
RESUME BY 1800 HOURS DEC 30.

9. IN TAY NINH A RE-SUPPLY MISSION TO NUI BA DEN WAS SUCCESS-
FULLY ACCOMPLISHED ON DEC 30. DEFENDERS RECEIVED THREE DAYS'
SUPPLIES DURING THIS INSERTION. TWO ABORTIVE MISSIONS ATTEMPTED
EARLIER THIS WEEK RESULTED IN ONE CREWMAN KILLED AND ONE INJURED
ON DEC 25, AND A CHOPPER PILOT WOUNDED IN BOTH HANDS ON DEC 29.
ON DEC 27 AND L-19 OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT OBSERVED A COMMUNIST
CONVOY OF 15 TRUCKS 28 KMS NORTHEAST OF TAY NINH PROVINCE, AND
DIRECTED AIRSTRIKES WHICH RESULTED IN EIGHT TRUCKS DESTROYED AND
20 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS KILLED. ON DEC 27 COMMUNIST FORCES SHELLED
TAY NINH WITH THREE ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKETS, WHICH KILLED THREE
CIVILIANS, WOUNDED TWO AND DAMAGED SIX HOUSES.

10. ICCS: THERE WERE TWO ICCS OBSERVATIONS IN ICCS OBSERVATIONS IN
ICCS REGION V THIS WEEK. ON DECEMBER 26, THE IRANIANS AND
INDONESIANS OBSERVED THE SITE OF THE ROCKETING OF BIEN HOA AIR-
BASE EARLIER THAT DAY. ON DECEMBER 28, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION
OBSERVED THE PHU CUONG BRIDGE, BLOWN BY COMMUNIST SAPPERS EARLY
THAT MORNING.

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PART VIII - MR-4

1. MILITARY SITUATION: (A) OVERALL SECURITY: MILITARY ACTIVITY
CONTINUED TO DECLINE SLIGHTLY THROUGH THE WEEK, BUT REMAINS WELL
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ABOVE NORMAL "LOWPOINT" LEVELS. AS INDICATED BY DECLINING CASUALTIES, VC/NVA UNITS WERE LESS AGGRESSIVE THAN IN RECENT WEEKS, GENERALLY AVOIDING CONTACT WITH ARVN. WE BELIEVE DEC HIGHPOINT WAS DESIGNED TO TEST RVNAF REACTION AND TO IMPROVE STRATEGIC POSITION FOR RENEWED ATTACKS IN COMING MONTHS, INVOLVING GREATER COMMITMENT OF MAIN FORCE UNITS. CORPS REPORTS 541 VC/NVA-INITIATED INCIDENTS (614 FOR SIX DAYS LAST WEEK), CONSISTING OF 60 GROUND ATTACKS (84), 2 INFILTRATIONS (4), 352 ABF'S (383), 91 HARASSMENTS (119), 16 SABOTAGE (6), 19 TERRORIST INCIDENTS (16) AND ONE OTHER INCIDENT. GVN LOSSES WERE 199 KIA (266), 925 WIA (996), 72 MIA (204), AND 13 CREW-SERVED (12) AND 293 INDIVIDUAL (495) WEAPONS LOST. CORPS CLAIMS 594 VC/NVA KILLED (788), 35 PRISONERS AND SUSPECTS CAPTURED (23), AND 33 CREW-SERVED (43) AND 177 INDIVIDUAL (216) WEAPONS SEIZED.

(B) NORTHERN DELTA: IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE, INTENSITY OF ACTIVITY DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, THOUGH NUMBER OF INCIDENTS REMAINED HIGH. NO OB'S OR VILLAGE/HAMLET OFFICES WERE ABANDONED. ONLY ONE HAMLET OFFICE WAS ATTACKED, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE EIGHT INCIDENTS ON HIGHWAY 4, ALL AT NIGHT; TWO MINE DETONATIONS IN GIAO DUC AND CAI BE DISTRICTS, HOWEVER, INTERRUPTED TRAFFIC DURING THE MORNING OF DEC 29. ACTIVITY IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE DECLINED, BUT TUYEN NHON DISTRICT HQ CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PERIODIC MORTAR FIRE. IN ONE OF THE DELTA'S MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS THIS WEEK, 22 CIVILAINS WERE KILLED AND 25 TOHERS WOUNDED WHEN THEIR WATER TAXI HIT A MINE ON THE CANAL WHICH PARALLELS ROUTE 29 IN EASTERN CHAU THANH (D). THE ROAD ITSELF WAS RE-OPENED DEC 24 AFTER BEING INTERDICTED FOR 9 DAYS. FIGHTING IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE CONTINUED IN CAO LANH (D) AND ERUPTED IN HONG NGU (D) FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL WEEKS. ONE RF BATTALION LOST 11 KIA, 16 WIA AND 23 MIA IN A CONTKFT WITH THE 511 VC BATTALION 7 KM NW OF HONG NGU DISTRICT TOWN. A HAMLET OFFICE AND AN OB IN HONG NGU WERE OVERRUN, AND OTHER OB'S ALONG INFILTRATION ROUTE 1A WERE UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE AT WEEK'S END.

(C) CENTRAL DELTA: IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE, SECTOR HAS CONTINUED TO ORGANIZE A SERIES OF BATTALION-SIZE OPERATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO CONTACT VC/NVA MAIN FORCE UNITS IN THE DON NHON/MO CAY AND GIONG TROM/PHUOC HUNG DISTRICT BORDER AREAS. VC/NVA ARE STILL AVOIDING CONTACT WITH SECTOR FORCES, AND NO SIGNIFICANT ENGAGEMENTS OR ATTACKS WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD. PHUOC HUNG AND MO CAY DISTRICT TOWNS BOTH RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE, KILLING 1 RF OFFICER AND 1 CIVILIAN AND WOUNDING 4 RF AND 3 CIVILIANS. VINH

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LONG PROVINCE REPORTS RELATIVE QUIET DURING THE FIRST 6 DTPS OF THE PERIOD, WITH 5 VIFAGE HQ'S SHELLED AND 5 OB'S AND WATCH-TOWERS ABANDONED UNDER PRESSURE. ON THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PERIOD, HOWEVER, VC SOLDIERS DISGUISED AS GVN TROOPS HIJACKED A BUS ON

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ROUTE 7A AND RODE IT INTO A VILLAGE IN SOUTHERN VUNG LIEM (D) WHERE THEY OVERRAN DESTROYED THE VILLAGE OFFICE. THE SUB-SUBSECTOR COMMANDER, 5 NATIONAL POLICE, 3 RD CADRE AND 4 PF SOLDIERS WERE KILLED. ACTIVITY IN VINH BINH PROVINCE CONTINUED TO DECLINE, BUT 9 OB'S AND WATCHTOWERS WERE ABANDONED OR OVERRUN. 3 VILLAGE HQ'S WERE MORTARED, AND ANOTHER IN CAU NGANG (D) WAS MORTARED, ATTACKED AND OVERRUN. TRA CU AND CANG LONG DISTRICT TOWNS WERE MORTARED, CAUSING LIGHT CASULATIES. GVN STRENGTH IN TRA CU (D) WAS FURTHER WEAKENED BY AN ATTACK ON THE 404 RF BATTALION STATIONED THERE, WHICH LEFT 6 RF KIA AND 14 RF MIA; NO VC CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. SA DEC PROVINCE REPORTS A SERIES OF SHARP CLASHES IN LAP VO (D), AND SECTOR SOURCES BELIEVE VC/ ARE RECONNOITERING NORTHER SA DEC EITHER FOR INFILTRATION OF TROOPS FROM KIEN PHONG PROVINCE, OR TO SABOTAGE ROUTE 23, THE ONLY REMAINING LAND ROUTE TO CAO LANH. PHONG DINH PROVINCE WAS QUIET WITH NO GROUND ATTACKS AND LIGHT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES. IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, MOST INCIDENTS EARLY IN THE WEEK WERE ABF'S ALONG THE CAN GAO CANAL IN KIEN AN (D). THE DISTRICT TOWN WAS HIT BY OVER 65 MORTAR ROUNDS WHICH WOUNDED 5. BY THE END OF THE PERIOD, BOTH KIEN AND AND HIEU LE DISTRICTS WERE QUIET. AN RF BATTALION IN KIEN BINH (D) LOST CONTACT, AND 12 OFFICERS, 19 NCO'S AND 36 ENLISTED ARE LISTED AS MISSING. ACTIVITY ALONG ROUTE 80 NORTH OF RACH GIA INCREASED SHARPLY, AND THE VC/NVA INTENTION APPEARS TO BE TO HALT ALL TRAFFIC TO KIEN LUONG AND HA TIEN DISTRICTS: TWO WATER TAXIS AND TWO CEMENT BARGES WERE FIRED AT ON THE CANAL ADJOINING THE HIGHWAY.

(D) SOUTHERN DELTA: IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE, ONE OF THE FEW OB'S ON THE ISLANDS IN LONG PHU (D) WAS OVERRUN WITH ONLY 1 PF WIA. TWO OTHER OB'S IN NGA NAM AND HOA TU DISTRICTS WERE SHELLED OR HARASSED REPEATEDLY, BUT BOTH POSITIONS HELD. SECTOR SOURCES EXPECT CONTINUED ACTIVITY IN NGA NAM AND HOA TU THROUGH THE END OF NEXT MONTH AS PART OF A VC/NVA EFFORT TO EXPAND THEIR AREA OF CONTROL ADJACENT TO CHUONG THIEN AND TO COLLECT RICE DURING THE CURRENT HARVEST SEASON. FIGHTING IN BAC LIEU PROVINCE WAS MORE INTENSE THAN LAST WEEK, WITH 5 GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST OB'S RESULTING IN OVERRUNS OR ABANDONMENTS. ONE OF THE OVERRUNS WAS 8 KM SOUTH OF THE PROVINCE CAPITAL AT THE SITE OF A VETERANS'

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RESETTLEMENT PROJECT. THOUGH THE OB WAS QUICKLY RETAKEN, THE RESETTLEMENT HAMLET WAS DESTROYED. GIA RAI DISTRICT TOWN WAS SHELLED FOR THE FOURTH TIME THIS MONTH, BUT NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE, PRESSURE ON KIEN HUNG (D) CONTINUED, WITH MOST OF THE VILLAGE HQ AND THE DISTRICT HQ SUBJECT TO ABF'S DURING THE PERIOD. LONG MY DISTRICT TOWN WAS ALSO SHELLED, BUT SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, VC UNITS HAVE ENCIRCLED TAN HUNG VILLAGE HQ IN DAM DOI (D) BY FORCING ABANDONMENT OF TWO OB'S AND ONE WATCHTOWER AROUND THE YQ. IN ADDITION, AN OB IN THOI BINH (D) WAS OVERRUN, AND ANOTHER IN NAM CAN (D) WAS ABANDONED UNDER PRESSURE. VC IN AN XUYEN HAVE BEEN

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FORCING THE GVN FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE AND, AT THE SAME TIME,
MAKING RESUPPLY OF REMAINING GVN POSITIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

2. ICCS AFFARIS: ICCS REGION VI RECEIVED 22 COMPLAINTS OF CEASE-
FIRE VIOLATIONS. INDONESIAN AND IRANIAN TEAMS AT GIONG TROM MADE
AND OBSERVATION DEC 23 OF THE DEC 22 SABOTAGE OF A BRIDGE IN
GIONG TROM (D), KIEN HOA (P). WEEKLY REPORT FOR ICCS REGION VII
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